

# House File 478 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 146)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act eliminating the education telecommunications council and  
2 regional telecommunications councils established under the  
3 Iowa communications network.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8D.8, Code 2019, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **8D.8 Scheduling for authorized users.**

4 ~~Except as provided in section 8D.5,~~ an An authorized user  
5 is responsible for all scheduling of the use of the authorized  
6 user's facility. A person who disputes a scheduling decision  
7 of such user may petition the commission for a review of such  
8 decision pursuant to section 8D.3, subsection 3, paragraph "c".

9 Sec. 2. Section 8D.13, subsection 8, Code 2019, is amended  
10 by striking the subsection.

11 Sec. 3. REPEAL. Section 8D.5, Code 2019, is repealed.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill strikes Code section 8D.5, which establishes  
16 the education telecommunications council and regional  
17 telecommunications councils under the Iowa communications  
18 network (ICN). Code section 8D.5 provides that the 18-member  
19 education telecommunications council is responsible for  
20 scheduling and site usage policies for educational users of the  
21 ICN, coordinating the activities of regional telecommunications  
22 councils, developing proposed rules and changes to rules for  
23 recommendation to the Iowa telecommunications and technology  
24 commission, and recommending long-range plans for enhancements  
25 needed for educational applications. Code section 8D.5 also  
26 provides that regional telecommunications councils, established  
27 in each merged area as provided in Code chapter 260C, are  
28 responsible for advising the education telecommunications  
29 council on the assessment of local educational needs and  
30 the coordination of program activities. The bill removes  
31 references to the education telecommunications council and  
32 regional telecommunications councils from Code chapter 8D.